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The regime has not yet confirmed claims by trade union spokesmen that it has agreed to register--and thereby legalize--the nationwide Solidarity union organization.

[redacted] union officials and advisers told workers yesterday that the registration will occur on Friday. One union leader said that the regime made its decision after Solidarity agreed to include a reference to the leading role of the party in a "protocol" to be submitted with the union's charter. The Warsaw court had raised several objections to the union's charter, including the fact that it did not contain a direct reference to the party's role.

Catholic intellectuals who have been advising union leaders told [redacted] yesterday that it is very likely Solidarity will be registered this weekend. The Polish Justice Minister, moreover, has expressed optimism on the registration to a visiting US Congressman.

A compromise settlement of the registration issue would be a victory for Lech Walesa, who has been preaching moderation to other union officials. Walesa might have difficulty selling such a solution to some of the more militant leaders but, at a minimum, registration of the union would end any serious discussion of a general strike--at least for the time being.

The union leadership is scheduled to meet next Monday to discuss future strategy.

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